The above amendment has been carried out to bring NREG Act in conformity with Minimum Wages Act, 1984, in so far as the issues of working hours and wage rates are concerned.

Rural water supply schemes in Uttar Pradesh

1068. SHRI KAMAL AKHTAR: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the details of amounts allocated to Uttar Pradesh under various rural water supply schemes, during the last three years and till date;

(b) the details of amounts utilized by the State during this period and achievements thereof;

(c) the present status of rural water supply in Uttar Pradesh;

(d) the total number of villages/number of villages have assured potable water supply; and

(e) the time-frame for covering remaining villages?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI CHANDRA SEKHAR SAHU): (a) and (b) The details of the fund allocated/released to, utilized and achievements made under various components of ARWSP by Uttar Pradesh during the last three years and till date are given in the Statement (*See* below).

(c) and (d) As reported by the State Government, during the year 2008-09 against a target of 1639 habitations to be covered/addressed with potable water supply, 117 habitations have been covered/addressed up to September, 2008.

(e) As per Bharat Nirman-rural drinking water component, all remaining habitations are proposed be covered/addressed by the end of 2008-09.

Statement

Financial progress under Accelerated Rural Water Supply Programme (ARWSP) during last three years and the current year

(Amount: Rs. in lakh)

Programme	2005-06			2006-07		
	Allocation	Release	Exp. Reported	Allocation	Release	Exp. Reported
ARWSP	31980.20	31078.18	19736.62	37117.00	36041.53	34,422.82

Programme	2007-08			2008-09		
	Allocation	Release	Exp. Reported	Allocation	Release	Exp.*** Reported
ARWSP	46,072.00	45460.00	36716.25	53974.00	27786.00	24453.97

***Upto September. 2008

Target and coverage of habitations during last there years and current year and present status of habitations

(Uncovered, slip-back and quality-affected habitations)

2005-06		2006-07		2007-08		2008-09		Present Status (Balance to be covered/ addressed)
Target	Coverage	Target	Coverage	Target	Coverage	Target	Coverage*	
2,209	14,366	7,024	10,947	3,479	4,431	1,639	117	1522

* Up to September, 2008

Inadequate manpower at CAPART

1069. SHRI BIRENDRA PRASAD BAISHYA: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the functional status of the CAPART, N.E. Regional office, Guwahati including manpower and institutional agency, total outlay and utilization of fund during the last three years;

(b) whether it is a fact that all programmes of this office has suffered greatly due to inadequacy of manpower and instituting agency towards appraisal and monitoring;

(c) if so, the details thereof;

(d) if not, the reasons for inordinate delay in utilization of fund;

(e) the category-wise number of vacancies in this office; and

(f) the action taken to empower this office to make it an effective functional entity and the time by when it will be completed?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI CHANDRA SEKHAR SAHU): (a) The Regional office, CAPART, Guwahati is functional with 2 Group 'A' officers and 15 other supporting staff. The total outlay of funds and the amount utilized during the last three years is as follows:-

Year	Total outlay (Rs. Crores)	Amount utilised (Rs. Crores)
2005-06	3.70	1.96
2006-07	2.79	1.15
2007-08	2.64	1.86